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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 11-K**

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[X]. ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 150 THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FE	
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- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below: Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc.
- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office: WestPoint Stevens Inc., 507 West 10th Street, West Point, Georgia 31833.

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc.

December 31, 2001 and 2000 with Report of Independent Auditors

## **Audited Financial Statements**

## December 31, 2001 and 2000

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## Report of Independent Auditors

Management Pension Committee WestPoint Stevens Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Ernet + Young LLP

June 14, 2002

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Assets		
Ownership interest in the net pooled assets of the		
WestPoint Stevens, Inc. Retirement Savings		
Value Plan Master Trust	\$982,033	\$1,065,544
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	8,361	32,266
Sponsor contributions	1,688	5,941
Total assets	992,082	1,103,751
Liabilities		
Fees and other payables	(3,247)	(3,116)
Net assets available for benefits	\$988,835	\$1,100,635

See accompanying notes.

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

## Year ended December 31, 2001

Additions	
Contributions:	
Participants	\$ 186,599
Sponsor	50,065
Rollovers	1,963
Total additions	238,627
Deductions	
Plan's interest in investment results of the	
WestPoint Stevens, Inc. Retirement Savings	
Value Plan Master Trust	(223,209)
Administrative and other expenses	(3,420)
Benefits paid to participants	(123,798)
Total deductions	(350,427)
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(111,800)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	1,100,635
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 988,835

See accompanying notes.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2001

### 1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc. (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a voluntary defined contribution plan for substantially all salaried and non-salaried employees of Liebhardt Inc. (the "Sponsor"), a subsidiary of WestPoint Stevens, Inc. (the "Parent"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

### **Trust Agreement**

As of April 2, 2001, the Assets of the Plan are held for safekeeping and investment by State Street Bank (the "Trustee") as part of a trust agreement between the Sponsor and the Trustee. Through April 1, 2001, assets of the Plan were held for safekeeping and investment by the Northern Trust Company as part of a trust agreement.

#### **Contributions**

Each active Plan participant may make contributions up to a maximum of 20% of his or her compensation on a before-tax basis, and up to a maximum of 20% on an after-tax basis, as long as the sum of the after-tax and before-tax percentages do not exceed 20% of the Plan participant's compensation. Plan participant contributions made on a before-tax basis under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") could not exceed the elective contribution limit of \$10,500 during 2001. Contributions by highly compensated employees are subject to additional restrictions.

The Sponsor matches up to 50% of each Plan participant's before tax contributions not to exceed 1% of the Plan participant's gross wages. The Plan Sponsor made matching contributions of \$50,065 in 2001.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

### **Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Sponsor contributions and Plan investment results. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce future Sponsor contributions. The balance of forfeited nonvested accounts was not material as of December 31, 2001 and 2000. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

#### **Net Assets Available for Benefits**

The WestPoint Stevens, Inc. Retirement Savings Value Plan Master Trust (the "WPS Master Trust"), maintained by the Trustee, holds certain assets of the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt, Inc. ("the Plan") as well as the assets of the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of WestPoint Stevens, Inc.

See Note 4 for a summary of the WPS Master Trust net assets as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, including the allocation of the WPS Master Trust net assets to the Plan and the related share of net investment income (losses) of the WPS Master Trust allocated to the participants of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2001.

#### Vesting

Plan participants are fully vested with regard to their employee contributions. Plan participants are fully vested in Sponsor contributions after 5 years of service, upon attainment of age 65, or termination due to death or total and permanent disability.

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### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### Loans

Participants may borrow from their vested balance in the Plan. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000 and the outstanding balance may not be higher than \$50,000. The loan is to be secured by the participant's assets in the Plan and the loan amount is not to exceed 50% of the borrower's vested account balance immediately after securing the loan. The maximum term of a general loan is 5 years, and the maximum term of a residential loan is 15 years. The interest rate is to be based primarily on the rate of interest that one or more local banks or other lending institutions would charge on a similar loan, taking into account, among other things, the collateral secured to pledge the loan.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

If a participant terminates employment prior to attaining age 55, other than for reasons of total and permanent disability, plan benefits are payable to a participant in a single lump sum distribution. If a participant terminates employment after attaining age 55 or by reason of total and permanent disability, plan benefits are payable to a participant in a single lump sum, in installments, or in a combination of the two methods. If a Plan participant elects to make a withdrawal which is less than the full amount available for withdrawal, the amounts withdrawn will be made in the following order:

- (a) the amount of all the participant's after-tax contributions to the Plan plus earnings (or minus losses) thereon to the extent not previously withdrawn;
- (b) the balance of the participant's rollover contribution account plus earnings (or minus losses) thereon; to the extent not previously withdrawn;
- (c) in the event of hardship, the amount of before-tax contributions, after-tax contributions, and rollover contribution;
- (d) after attaining age 59 ½, the entire amount in the before-tax contribution, after-tax contribution and rollover contribution account; and
- (e) after attaining age 70 ½, the entire amount in the employer matching contribution account and profit sharing contribution account.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### **Payment of Benefits (continued)**

Hardship withdrawals are available in the following circumstances: (a) medical expenses for Plan participant, spouse, or dependents; (b) payment of tuition for post-secondary education for Plan participant, spouse, or dependent; (c) purchase of a principal residence; and (d) payment of amounts necessary to prevent foreclosure of mortgage on, or eviction from, Plan participant's principal residence. The WestPoint Stevens Inc. Management Pension Committee (the "Pension Committee") shall determine whether the requisite financial hardship exists in accordance with the requirements of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder. A participant making a hardship withdrawal is ineligible to contribute to the Plan for the next twelve (12) months from the date of receipt of the withdrawal.

Amounts due Plan participants who have requested a withdrawal of funds from the Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 totaled approximately \$971 and \$29,887, respectively, which is a difference between the accompanying financial statements and the related Form 5500.

#### **Plan Termination**

While the Sponsor has not expressed any intent to do so, the Pension Committee retains the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event a decision is made by the Pension Committee to terminate the Plan, all participants shall receive full distributions of the balances in their accounts.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared based on the accrual method of accounting with investments carried at fair values or contract values, which approximate fair value.

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Valuation of Investments**

The WestPoint Stevens Company Stock Fund is valued at its fair value as determined by national stock exchange closing prices. The Stable Value Fund consists primarily of guaranteed investment contracts which are valued at contract value. The other funds, which consist of the following: SSGA Equity Index Fund; Aggressive Equity Fund, which is made up of the SSGA U.S. Large Cap Growth, MAS Small Cap Value, and Brokerage Stocks; Balanced Fund; International Fund; Value Fund; and Bond Market Fund, are valued at their redemption prices (fair values) as established by the fund manager. Generally, the fair values are based on national stock exchange closing prices or other published sources. The Participant Loans are valued at cost.

Guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") are subject to credit risk based on the ability of the issuers to meet interest or principal payments, or both, as they become due. Certain GICs included in the WestPoint Stevens Master Trust are synthetic; that is, the WestPoint Stevens Master Trust owns certain fixed income securities and the contract issuer provides a "wrapper" that guarantees a fixed rate of return and provides benefit responsiveness. At December 31, 2001 and 2000 the fair values of the underlying assets of the synthetic GICs (as determined from quoted market prices) were \$58,766,809 and \$58,871,624, respectively, and the values of the related wrapper contracts were \$(2,066,000) and \$(659,702), respectively.

The guaranteed investment contracts are recorded at their contract values, which represent contributions and reinvested income, less any withdrawals plus accrued interest, because these investments have fully benefit-responsive features. For example, participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. However, withdrawals influenced by Sponsor initiated events, such as in connection with the sale of a business, may result in a distribution at other than contract value. There are no reserves against contract values for credit risk of contract issuer or otherwise. The fair value of the guaranteed investment contracts at December 31, 2001 and 2000 was \$65,662,502 and \$63,867,609, respectively. The average yield was approximately 5.95% and 6.4% in 2001 and 2000. The crediting interest rates for those guaranteed investment contracts are reset annually by the issuer but cannot be less than zero and ranged from 2.44% to 7.71% at December 31, 2001 and 5.6% to 7.2% at December 31, 2000.

Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on the trade dates. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded as earned.

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## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Administrative Expenses**

All administrative and investments expenses are paid by the Plan.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Party-in-Interest Transactions**

During 2000 and through April 1, 2001, certain Plan assets included in the Stable Value Fund and the Equity Index Fund were managed by the Northern Trust Company ("Northern Trust"). As Northern Trust was the trustee, as defined by the Plan, transactions involving these investments were party-in-interest transactions.

Since April 2, 2001, certain Plan assets included in the Company Stock Fund, Bond Market Fund, S&P 500 Index Fund, ULCG Opportunities Fund, and the Equity Index Fund were managed by State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"). As State Street is the trustee, as defined by the Plan, transactions involving these investments are party-in-interest transactions. In addition, transactions involving the Company Stock Fund, which invests in the common stock of the Parent, also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

#### 3. Income Tax Status

The Plan has not received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is qualified and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 4. Investments

The Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt, Inc. held an ownership interest in the net-pooled assets of the master trust of approximately .89% and .07% at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Net assets of the WestPoint Stevens Master Trust are as follows:

		December 31	
		2001	2000
Pooled assets			
Company Stock Fund:			
WestPoint Stevens Inc. Common Stock	\$	8,958,076	\$ 23,848,133
State Street Bank & Trust Cash	·	408,627	, , , , , <u>–</u>
Short-Term Investment Fund:			
State Street Bank & Trust		4,780,710	3,896,735
Guaranteed Investment Contracts:			
Allstate Life Insurance Company			
Contract No. GA-6317			
Bond Fund Investments		1,578,358	· —
Contract No. 31041			
Allstate SA Constant Duration		_	5,472,459
Contract No. GA-77030			
Invesco Group Trust		2,786,802	3,519,088
Contract No. 77188			
Invesco Group Trust		8,019,583	<u> </u>
Bank of America			
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Invesco Group Trust		3,042,788	3,794,223
Bankers Trust Co.			
Contract No. 97925THT			4,130,447
Bankers Trust Co.		3,042,788	

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## 4. Investments (continued)

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Pooled assets (continued)		
CDC Investment Management Corp.		
Contract No. BR-263-01	_	206,686
GE Life & Annuity Assurance Co.		
Contract No. GS-3558	1,449,393	<del>-</del>
Jackson National Life		
Contract No. G12431	· —	2,011,450
John Hancock Life Insurance Co.		
Contract No. 14910GAC		
Bond Fund Investments	2,008,663	2,023,213
John Hancock Life Insurance Co.		
Contract No. 9568		
Hancock Managed Funds	4,635,685	4,277,032
JP Morgan Chase Bank		
Contract No. 401747-G		
Invesco Group Trust	8,150,009	7,571,949
JP Morgan Chase Bank		
Contract No. 401747-L		
Invesco Group Trust	3,155,795	3,983,041
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company		
Contract No. GAC-25709		
Bond Fund Investments	-	1,414,338

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## 4. Investments (continued)

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Pooled assets (continued)		
Monumental Life Insurance Company		
Contract No. 0097TR		
Commonwealth Edison Trust	_	517,834
Capital One Master Trust	3,245,832	3,096,170
Fannie Mae Whole Loan	4,651,616	2,466,478
PNC Student Loan	2,515,467	4,499,253
Chase Manhattan Auto Owners Trust	· · ·	315,798
Cash	_	363,242
State Street Bank & Trust		
Contract No. 98146		
United States Treasury	3,325,924	3,254,360
Citibank Credit Card Mortgage	2,112,502	2,015,874
Prime Auto Trusts	867,237	5,015,714
Cash	242,460	27,082
UBS AG		
Contract No. 5027		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage	3,690,633	3,028,532
Fannie Mae Whole Loan	2,319,649	_
Amex. Optima Mortgage	1,513,401	1,467,280
ING Life Insurance & Annuity Company		
Contract No. 14669		
Invesco Group Trust	4,491,423	-
Wrapper Contract	(2,066,000)	(659,702)

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## **4. Investments (continued)**

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Pooled assets (continued)		
Mutual Funds: SSGA Equity Index Fund Aggressive Equity Funds:	19,001,727	26,493,328
SSGA U.S. Large Cap Growth Fund MAS Small Cap Value Fund	16,191,337 1,133,265	23,373,854
Brokerage Stocks	49,769	10 272 501
Balanced Fund International Funds	8,054,767 460,951	10,373,591 –
Value Fund Bond Market Index Fund	721,365 1,425,142	<b></b> ·
Participant Loans	1,911,425	
Net Assets of WPS Master Trust	\$124,834,209	\$151,797,482
Ownership interest in the net pooled assets of the WestPoint Stevens Inc Retirement Savings Value Plan Master Trust	\$ 982,033	\$ 1,065,544

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Investments (continued)

Net investment income of the WestPoint Stevens Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2001 is as follows:

Net investment income:	
Interest and dividend income	\$ 4,401,686
Net unrealized depreciation and realized gains on sales of	
investments:	
Company Stock Fund	(14,321,392)
SSGA Equity Index Fund	(2,713,547)
Aggressive Equity Funds	(2,732,327)
Balanced Fund	(652,536)
International Funds	(44,911)
Value Fund	(52,192)
Bond Market Index Fund	35,390
	\$(16,079,829)
Share of the allocable investment income (loss) related to the	
Retirement Savings Value Plan for the employees of WestPoint	
Stevens Inc.	\$ (223,209)

Through April 1, 2001, the transaction activity was allocated by Northern Trust at .70%. From April 1, 2001 through the end of the year, the remaining transaction activity was allocated by CitiStreet at .89%. Therefore, the above investment income was accumulated using the allocation percentage for the respective period.

#### 5. Reconciliation to the Form 5500

The net assets available for benefits in the financial statements differ from the net assets available for benefits in the Form 5500 due to the transfer of assets from the Plan in connection with the merger of the Plan with the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of WestPoint Stevens Inc. effective December 31, 2001. The accompanying financial statements reflect net assets available for benefits just prior to the merger, whereas the Form 5500 reflects the net assets available for benefits just subsequent to the merger. The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits shows net assets in the amount of \$988,835. The Form 5500 will show net assets of \$0 as the Plan is filing its final return.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

23.

Consent of Independent Auditors

### **SIGNATURES**

*The Plan*. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Management Pension Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS VALUE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES LIEBHARDT INC.

Date: June 28, 2002

By: Thomas M. Lane,

Member of the Management

Pension Committee

## **EXHIBIT 23**

## **Consent of Independent Auditors**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement Form S-8 No. 333-69209 pertaining to the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc. of our report dated June 14, 2002, with respect to the financial statements of the Retirement Savings Value Plan for Employees of Liebhardt Inc. included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Sund & Young LLP

Atlanta, Georgia June 28, 2002